OLLUR ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME—PROGRESS

177. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state at what stage the proposal for the electrification of Ollur stands now?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* A report on the electrification of Ollur Town, received from the Chief Engineer, is now under consideration of Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether it is a feasible proposition and whether there is any chance of taking it up early?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall be very glad to give you the report so that you may understand the whole matter. I think it comes to 4 to 5 thousand rupees a year. Unless the people are willing to take electricity to some extent it will be a failure. I think the best thing will be to hand over the report to you so that you may study the whole question.

KADAMAKKUDI VILLAGE—SCARCITY OF DRINKING WATER

178. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state, with reference to the answers to question No. 207 of the Budget Session of 1114.—

(*a*) whether orders were issued for the sinking of a well in Valia Kadamakkudi during the year 1115;

if so, was this well sunk;

if not, why not;

(*b*) whether any tube wells were sunk anywhere in this village during 1115;

if so, was it possible to obtain drinking water from those wells, during last summer season?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes. A trial well was sunk; but the idea of constructing a masonry well was given up, as the water in it was found brackish.

(*b*) Yes. It was not possible to obtain drinking water from those wells.

Sir, I want to correct that second statement given in the printed answer. I now understand from the Panchayat President that of the 3 wells 2 are in very good working order.

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